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THOSE FALSE PRETENCES.

Now that the excitement of the senatorial election is over, it may be well to make a brief reply to some of the remarks that have been made concerning it, and to the objections offered by individuals and by the press. This be comes somewhat necessary because of the disposition to keep up the agitation, in regard to the religious status of the gentleman who has been elected by a large majority of the Legislature of

chiefly instrumental in stirring up outin calling the senator "Apostle" Smoot. They do this on every occasion when making reference to him. They ought to know that Hon. Reed Smoot did not present himself before the people of Utah as an Apostle of the Church to which he belongs, on becoming a candidate for a political office.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints had nothing whatever to do with his election, or with the election voted for him. There is not the slightest evidence of any kind to show that the Church took a hand in the matter, and nothing of the sort has been presented by those persons or papers which allege that such influence was exercised. The only thing that can be pointed at in this connection is, that the Church authorities did not interfere in his candidacy. If they had done so there would have been an opportunity for the carping critics, who are always on the watch for such an opening, to ery "Church interference in political affairs."

The newspapers that are continually speaking of Senator Smoot as "Apostle" Smoot, have no more reason to do so than to designate each Senator or Representative in Congress or in the Legislature, by the prefix of his business or other calling. They do not say "Capitalist" so and so, or "Merchant" this, or "Attorney" that; they do not say "Miner" Jones, or "Stockraiser" b, or "Farmer" Brown, or "Br er" Robinson. When Benjamin Harrison was elected President of the United States, he was not held up to the nation as "Elder" Benjamin Harrison, nor was Senator Kyle dubbed "Reverend" when spoken of as a Member of

Senator Smoot has but recently occupied the position of an Apostle in the "Mormon" Church. His life has been spent chiefly in business circles. Why not call him "Banker" Smoot, or "Superintendent" Smoot, or speak of him by some other business title, if something of the kind must be used? It is very easy to perceive that the purpose of these papers is to excite prejudice against the gentleman and the Church of which he is a member.

When Hon, George Q. Cannon served as a Delegate in Congress from Utah for several successive terms he was not called "Apostle" Cannon, although he was and had been a very prominent Apostle and Church worker and had spent his life in ecclesiastical work. No objection was offered against him either in Congress or in Utah because of his high Church status. Hon. John T. Caine had figured prominently in ecclesiastical positions when he was elected to Congress. He was not held up to the country as "High Priest" Caine, nor was Hon. W. H. King paraded as "Elder" King. They all held the same Priesthood as that held by Mr. Smoot, and there is no more sense in harping on his apostleship than on their office in that Priesthood. None of them figured in political offices by virtue of their Church position, and it is in a spirit of deception and anti-"Mormon" prejudice, that the title "Apostle" is substituted for the word "Senator" or "Honorable" in the case

of Mr. Smoot. One of our contemporaries offers a long disquisition on alleged objections to the election of "A high Church offi cial to a political office." There is so little in it that it is almost a waste of time to notice it. But we will touch upon one or two glaring errors it contains. One is that when Church officials enter the political arena "Gentiles refrain from entering the lists, from a feeling that it is no use to do so; that there is no possible chance of success. The untruth of this assertion is manifest in the political history of this State. A number of "Gentiles" have been elected to office when their opponents were known as "high Church officials; nor is it true as stated by the same paper that "Mormons keep out partly for the same reason." The writer of that manufactured objection is either ignorant of Utah's political affairs, or

was hard up for opposition material. The same paper offers as another objection, that "the election of an Apostle will be certain to reopen the old rancorous, faction fight which prevailed for a generation." Why is it so certain that the fight will be re-opened? Is it not a fact that there would be no light at all on this point, were it not for the efforts of our contemporaries to back up the sectarian preachers in their implacable hestility to the "Mormon" Church? Is it so "certain" that these preachers and papers will suc-

ceed? They have not accomplished anything in their strenuous endeavors to scare the Legislature, and we do not consider it by any means a foregone conclusion that they will do anything further than revive some of the preju dice which still lurks in the common mind against "Mormonism" and the 'Mormons."

This everlasting din about the injury that is to come to Utah from the election of an "Apostle" to the United States Senate, is one of those alarms in imitation of the Chinese style of warfare, which amounts to nothing but gong-beating and tin-pan artillery. The older residents of Utah have been long ers and papers and their followers who are afraid of a popular tumult want peace and quietude, why do they en trouble comes they will be responsible for it. Their hypocrisy is plain upor their faces. It distorts their clerical and editorial countenances. They brew a tempest and affect fear when they think it will beat upon their brows They cannot frighten the "Mormon' people, nor do we believe they can terrorize the sensible and experienced don't want to raise a row why do they

not keep quiet? Senator Reed Smoot has been elected United States Senator from Utah honorably, legitimately and by no unfair means or methods. He is recognized, even by his strongest opponents, as a representative of his native State. It

No religious test can be applied to his case under the Constitution of our the contrary, his obligations as a Latter-day faint require that fidelity and honor and truth and devotion to the welfare of this entire nation, which ought to inspire a man placed in the of the members of the Legislature who proud position of a United States Sen-

THE ADVICE NEEDED.

succeed in this world, generally point out that "there is plenty of room at the top," They advise those to whom the and then, they say, there will always be room for them. This is, no doubt true. The man that can do what no iceas; who can think and plan is always looked for, and is bound to suc majority of those who need to learn how to succeed in life. The majority are not geniuses. They are not origin als. They are ordinary mortals, with ordinary gifts and ordinary opportunit ties. To tell them that they can find plenty of room at a height to which What they need to know is how to succeed with the limited capacity they have. If they have not wings, it is useless to tell them that the hill before them is no obstacle to the bird. It is better to show them a method whereby the path over, or through, the hill can be made smoother and easier. That is the kind of advice the great majerity of the human family need. It is of no use to a hungry man to know that there is food enough in the palaces of the millionaires. What he is interested in is how to obtain what he needs, without becoming a millionelre, for that may be entirely outside his reach. Of course it is all right to stimulate to higher aims, but unless the imediate conditions are considered the advice will be lost. Man's capacity is but limited. All cannot reach the "top," any more than they can fly Some must be leaders and others followers, but there should be as much 'success" in the ranks as at the head for it is absolutely certain that there could be no leaders were there none qualified to follow, and there would be very little practical work done, were all at the "top," where there is so much room. The case has two sides and both are worthy of consideration.

THE NOMINATION OF SMOOT,

Under the above heading the St. Louis Globe-Democrat has the following terse and pointed editorial on the Utah senatorial question:

"Expectation and propriety were both met in the nomination or Reed Smoot as a Senator from Utah to succeed Rawlins, whose term expires at the end of the present Congress, a few weeks hence. It has been understood for two years past that the Republicans would nominate Mr. Smoot if they should car-ry the Utah Legislature in the recent ially active in politics, he has an party for years, and he has used s influence to elect Republican candidates and to give concrete shape to Re-publican policy. The fact that he reeived the votes of all the Republican numbers of the legislature except an nsignificant fraction is eloquent testi-nony to his standing in his state mong Gentiles and Mormons alike and

his popularity in his party. "In the country at large some oppo-sition by Republicans was manifested o his nomination. So far as this was s like that of Brigham H. Roberts, tho was excluded from the House two years ago, it is erroneous. So far as it was due to the circumstance that he is dignitary of the Mormon Church, it is inconsequential. Roberts practiced olygamy at the time of his election, most is not now and never has been polygamist in practice. Polygamy is orbidden by a United States statute No law, national or state, interposes a barrier between a Mormon Church of ficial and any political post to which he may aspire. The thing which shut Reberts out from office is entirely lacking in Smoot's case. The constitution sets forth that each branch of Congress shall by the judge of the "qualifications of its own members." It is deedly safe to say that the Senate will

se no question as to the "qualificaons" of Mr. Smoot, There is no established Church in the United States, nor is there likely to be any soon. Every sort of religious beief and unbelief stands on a precise equality in voting and officeholding in

ism, Atheism and others-have beer represented among the Presidents. Several times as many, including Mormonism, have been represented among the senators. As the Mormona com-prise about two-thirds of Utah's population and possess more than two-thirds of Utah's wealth and business and social influence, Smoot will not be the last of the Mormons who will sle in the Senate-nor even the last of the dignitaries of the Mormon Church Moreover, the papers which have been saying that Mr. Roosevelt is the first of the Presidents who have "interfered" in the case of the election of a United States Senator, in the very mild degree in which he can be said to have "interfered" at all, are astray. Sever al of them have done this, and one of em. Mr. Cleveland, did it as recently 1893, when he opposed the election of Murphy, of his own party, in New York. The opposition was in vain in the Murphy case, however, as it has been in that of Smoot, and as it stands chance to be in the majority of in stances. States are exceedingly apt t resent, and justly so, all meddling with their political affairs by outsiders, whether these be Presidents or other sorts of people.

AFRAID OF SOCIALISM.

Report has it that Socialism has been spreading so rapidly in Germany that the German Emperor is considering the advisability of taking the elective fran non-"Mormons" of this State. If they chise away from the workingmen. That would deprive them of influence in the government.

It is hardly probable that Emperor William, with the good sense he has displayed, is considering so radical scheme as that, Germany requires o her sons a great many sacrifices. The workingmen are supposed to carry prive them of all voice in the governinvite rebellion. It would be a blow at Socialism, but it would be a signal for the rise of Anarchism.

The Italian King is said to have volunteered the friendly suggestion that the Kaiser cannot succeed in that undertaking. That is how it must appear when viewed from a distance. Educated people do not calmly stand by and see their liberties taken away. They may engage in a struggle to death, like the Boers; and if this is unsuccessful, they may sadly turn away from the land of their fathers, like the Finns are doing. In either case, the cost of the undertaking is terrible. The disfranchising of millions of German laborers would be a greater calamity to the empire than any Social

stic scheme could possibly be. Socialism has a future. Its claims must be heard, sooner or later, and calmly considered. If there is to be a contest between that, and the existing social system, it must be conducted in the spirit of the liberal age in which we are living. The policy of brutal and brutalizing force will lose ultimately, whatever the immediate success ap-

The power that attacks the Monro doctrine attacks the United States.

The Panama canal treaty has been signed. Hail Colombia!

feet have stood in slippery places. The trusts continue to regard the at-

For the past day or two everybody's

torney-general as a very obKnoxious

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judges means that they are worthy of their higher. The German bombardments of Fort

San Carlos seem to be a "just for fun" sort of business. People are glad to have soft coal

for hard weather and hard coal for soft weather. The suspension of the ten conhs at the University might be called sus-

pended animation. Once again there is peace in base-

ball circles. Would it not be more cor rect to say there is a truce? What do two big revolvers on each desk in the Colorado house of repre-

sentatives mean if not revolution? The Berlin officials are still unable to understand Castro's note. It must have been written on both sides of the

With the Marconi system established throughout the world there will no

longer be an air of secrecy about any

And now it is said the world's fish supply is to be cornered. Naturally the rumor will be taken with a grain of

A Frenchman claims to have invented a paper that will disappear. Bank paper will if not put under locks and

Representative Littlefield's anti-trust bill is much longer than Senator Hoar's, and that was so long that it practically

Eilled it. The Colorado legislators do not carry concealed weapons at any rate. They place them on their desks where all

can see them. The Venezuelan situation does not clear but rather grows darker. Just new it is clouded by the smoke from

German guns. An Agwam, Mass., man wants his county to reimburse him for being buncoed. In other words he wants to bunco his county.

The Dardanelles seem to have become a waterway for Russian war vessels. Some day some of the powers will say to the Sultan: "Me too."

The President's portrait is to be painted by a Eargent. It will doubtless have a military air but it should be dene by no one less than a major-

A little presidential boomlet has been started for Governor-General Taft of the Philippines. Whether he is aware of its existence is not known, but he is an Ohio man and that signifies

Boston is greatly interested in the proposed dam across Charles river. this country. Several of them-Episco-pallanism, Presbyterlanism, Unitarian- come so famous as did the Charles

are among the pillars of the Constitu

Senator Vast corrects the statement recently made that he is the only surviving member of the Confederate senate. A. J. Maxwell of Florida, who represented that state at the capital in Richmond, is still alive at the age of 83 years. Long life to them both!

When a whole city turns out and takes coal that does not belong to it it is called "confiscation." When a single individual "confiscates" coal that loes not belong to him it is called stealing. The confusion all comes about from not knowing the right use

PARAGRAPHS FROM THE PRESS.

Philadelphia North American. Anti-trust sentiment appears to be spreading in Congress like a prairie fire, and in another week or two the senat may be shocking the president with the revolutionary radicalism of its demand: for the suppression of all forms of monopoly and combinations of greedy

Chicago Chroniele. The interference of President Roose relt in the election of a United State enator from Utah is an unprecedente and startling event. Probably he acted with his usual impulsiveness and with out consideration or advice from wise

New York Tribune. There are miles of loaded coal cars or railroad sidings close to New York-but of course there is no conspiracy t keep the supply short and the price high. Perish the thought!

Chicago News.

Owing to queer legal complication: sentences passed upon a Missouri mai robber for his various offenses amoun to imprisonment for life and twenty years in addition. As it is obvious that under any other arrangement he can never serve the additional twenty years, he should insist on undergoing that part of the sentence first,

Washington Star.

The announcement that Judge Day will receive the appointment to the su preme bench which Gov. Taft has de clined, will be welcomed throughout the country. It recalls the services in another important post of this capable man at a time when a level head and a good judgment were of unusual im-portance in our public affairs. Called to the department of state in circum stances of extreme difficulty, Judge Day, without experience in diplomac or politics, carried himself as well as veteran could have done, and laid both the president and the country under

Louisville Herald and Commercial. The men of Pittsburg are trying to women of Monmouth Borough, a fash-onable suburb of the Smoky City, have a euchre club. Membership in this club is expensive and has become annoying to the male portion of the family Once a month there is a gathering which the men are obliged to attend The husband must, besides foot th bill. One man was thus compelled to pay in the course of a month \$50, and declares that unless the club goes out of business he must. Five business men, unknown to each other, called in one day on a justice of the peace to see if some legal means might not be at hand to deliver them from euchre and its extravagance.

Springfield Republican.

It is a new thing for the chaplain of a tate legislature to petition the Alnighty to make a favorite son president of the United States. Yet that was done before the Wisconsin legislature the oth

The boom-for such it must Spooner will be approaching the age of 70. If he is ever to reach the presidency, he must first smother Gov. La Follette, whose influence is hostile to

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